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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1940.

Representing an all-time high, 97,627,000 pounds of frozen domestic and imported fishery products were being held in cold storage in the United States on November 15, 1940, according to statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service and published by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in Statistical Bulletin No. 1406. Previous high holdings occurred in December 1936 when stocks held in cold storage amounted to 94,695,000 pounds.

The figure for November 15 indicates an increase of 3,621,000 pounds, or 4 percent, compared with the (revised) total of 94,006,000 pounds in cold storage as of October 15, 1940. It also indicates an increase of 13,056,000 pounds, or 15 percent, over the November 15, 1939 figure of 84,571,000 pounds; and likewise of 15 percent over the five-year average of 84,091,000 pounds at this date.

Heaviest frozen holdings by species show halibut (all trade sizes) at 12.4 million pounds; with whiting (10.2 million pounds); and mackerel (except Spanish) with 8.9 million pounds next, in that order. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp, scallops, and squid--in that order--totaled about 8.7 million pounds.

Greatest holdings by sections indicate New England (29.5 million pounds), and the Pacific area (26.3 million pounds), topping Middle Atlantic (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania)--15.6 million pounds, and North Central East (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin)--13.8 million pounds.

Other items in the Bulletin give 21.6 million pounds of cured herring and 6.7 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of November 15. Included, also, is a Dominion of Canada report showing fresh frozen fish on hand as of November 1, 1940: halibut--4,757,581 pounds; mackerel--2,379,072 pounds; salmon--7,770,692 pounds; sea herring--7,946,541 pounds; whitefish--714,461 pounds; cod filets--1,447,972 pounds; all other varieties--11,213,168 pounds.

About 22.7 million pounds of fish and shellfish were frozen by United States firms during the month ended November 15, 1940.

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